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The relevance of Japanese Patent Application No. 9-82439 is indicated on page 1, line 17 of the specification.

The relevance of Japanese Patent Application No. 8-186628 is indicated on page 1, line 21 of the specification.

All of the other references listed on Form PTO/SB/08A were cited in the International Search Report (ISR), dated November 26, 2003 or in the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER), dated November 17, 2004 in the underlying PCT Application and are relevant for the reasons given therein.

On page 4 of the IPER, Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-266981 was incorrectly cited as Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-166981. The reference was correctly cited in the ISR as Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-266981. An English language translation of the IPER is enclosed.

United States Patent No. 6,482,027 is an English language equivalent to Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-124321. United States Patent No. 5,681,176 is an English language equivalent to Japanese Patent Application No. 9-82439. United States Patent No. 5,995,373 is an English language equivalent to Japanese Patent Application No. 8-186628. An English language abstract is also provided for all other Japanese references.

The above-mentioned U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith.

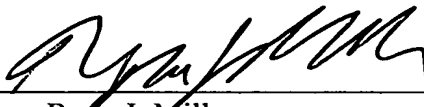
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